Prevention of Fire Accidents in Multistoreyed Buildings

624. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Starred Question 372 given in Rajya Sabha on 18-12-92 and state:

(a) what are the facilities available with the Delhi Fire Service for prevention of Fire incidents in various multistoreyed buildings either of the Government or of the private parties in the capital;

(b) whether compartmentalisation and escape routes have not yet been built up in these buildings despite Government assurances;

(c) whether the properties have in the past been damaged on account of fire incidents and no corrective action is still being taken; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Delhi Fire Service have reported that the provision of fire protection and means of escape arrangements as per building Bye Laws, 1983 and Delhi Fire prevention & Fire Safety Act, 1986, are being ensured by them with a view to prevent fire accidents. Further, the Delhi Fire Service are having 31 fire stations and different type of appliances and sophisticated equipment considered to be modern fire fighting machines/equipment, to extinguish fire and to carry out rescue operations during fire.

(b) Compartmentalisation and escape routes have been included as essential provisions under building Bye Laws, 1993. In the building constructed prior to 1983, provision of compartmentalisation is an essential requirement and is being ensured in such buildings.

(c) and (d) Delhi Fire Service sealed certain buildings which were considered unsafe, where property was damaged on account of incidents of fire. Only after corrective action was taken by the building occupiers by providing the 12 mandatory fire safety measures, were the buildings desealed.

Project for cleaning and reclamation of Yamuna River

625. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project for cleaning and partial reclamation of Yamuna river was taken up by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, when the project was mooted and what are the salient features thereof;

(c) what is the achievement made so far in the execution of the plan and what is the estimated expenditure incurred; and

(d) whether any long term/short term strategy has been formulated in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) While a comprehensive project for cleaning and reclamation of Yamuna River has not been taken up by the DDA, preliminary feasibility reports have been prepared from time to time. Latest

feasibility report prepared by DDA in 1993 covers the following:—

(i) Pollution Control of the river through environmental improvement and treatment of sewage;

(ii) Channelisation of river;

(iii) Reclamation of land on the river bed for development; and

(iv) Navigation feasibility across the river.

(c) D.D.A. has reported that about 360 acres of land have already been acquired and taken over. Steps have been initiated for acquisition of more land. A sum of Rs. 10 crores has been placed at the disposal of the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi. An amount of Rs. 65 lakhs has also been spent on various studies by expert agencies. Besides about Rs. 58 lakhs have been spent on development of greens including Smriti Van.

(d) The details are still to be formulated.

Construction of Houses for Government Employees

626. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped the construction of houses for Government employees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the number of dwelling units constructed during the last three years;

(c) what is the category-wise waiting list of the employees on the basis of date priority;

(d) whether Government have prepared any contingency plan for providing accommodation to their employees; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of dwelling units constructed in General Pool for the Central Government Employees during the last three years are as under:

1989-90	1681 Nos.
1990-91	1108 Nos.
1991-92	809 Nos.

(c) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Government have already prepared a plan for construction of General Pool Accommodation for Central Government Employees for the Eighth Five Year Plan and the planning Commission have allocated a sum of Rs. 140 crores for the Eighth Five Year Plan period.